

21/Amended
8-28-99

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Toshiaki Kanemitsu et al

Appln. No. : 08/669,313

Filed : July 8, 1996

For : SHEET METAL MEMBER HAVING AN)
ANNULAR PERIPHERAL WALL AND)
A METHOD OF THICKENING AN)
ANNULAR PERIPHERAL WALL OF)
THE SHEET METAL MEMBER)
(AS AMENDED))



) Art Unit: 3725

) Ex: L. Larson

RECEIVED
AUG 18 1999
TC 3700 MAIL ROOM

RESPONSE

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are submitted in response to the Office
Action of September 15, 1998.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 5 as follows:

5. (Five Times Amended) A method of forming a thickened annular peripheral
wall of a sheet metal member, comprising the steps of: holding the sheet metal member and
forming from the sheet metal member a base plate, a stepped portion and a flange-shaped portion
connected integrally by [a] the stepped portion with an outer periphery of the base plate; inserting

E1
Board
Division

F